

"The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" Characters

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The Ancient Mariner: The protagonist of the poem, an old sailor who tells his story. He is cursed after killing the Albatross. He is also cursed to share his tale with others.

The Wedding Guest: A young man on his way to a wedding. He is stopped by the Ancient Mariner and compelled to listen to his story. He is transformed by the experience.

The Sailors: The unnamed crew members who accompany the Mariner on his journey. They suffer and die due to the Mariner's sin, and due to their support of the sin.

Death: A supernatural figure who appears aboard the ghost ship and claims the lives of the sailors through a dice game with Life-in-Death.

Life-in-Death: A supernatural figure who wins the Mariner's soul in a dice game, leaving him to live in a state of "life-in-death."

First Voice and Second Voice: Two spirits who speak about the Mariner's sin and the penance he must undergo.

The Hermit: A holy man who helps the Mariner at the end of his journey and symbolizes spiritual redemption.

The Pilot: The captain of the rescue ship who takes the Mariner aboard when his ship sinks.

The Pilot's Boy: The Pilot's assistant, who is shocked to see the Mariner alive and accompanies the Pilot on the rescue mission.

The Lonesome Spirit from the South Pole: A supernatural being that follows the Mariner's ship after the killing of the Albatross.